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FROM HEPARIN CONTAINING MATRICES

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

REVISED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Communication from the Examiner dated October 18, 2002, Applicants submit a Revised Preliminary Amendment. Please substitute the Preliminary Amendment dated May 3, 2001, with this Revised Preliminary Amendment. It is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

Amendment

In the Specification

Page 1, first paragraph, insert -This is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/298,084 filed

April 22, 1999, now abandoned.

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